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## Ninety-Seven Projects Awarded \$2.2 Million in SHSP Grants

Gov. **Steve Beshear** announced \$2.2 million in State Homeland Security Grants for 97 projects across the Commonwealth that will be used for first-responder, communication and critical infrastructure equipment and training programs.

“State Homeland Security Grants strengthen the effectiveness of our first responders as they carry out their important role of protecting citizens when natural and man-made disasters occur,” Gov. Beshear said. “I am confident that this allocation of federal dollars has been maximized to help keep Kentuckians safe and secure.”

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funds are used to build and strengthen preparedness capabilities at all levels through planning, equipment and readiness activities.



**Gene Kiser**, executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), said local agencies submitted 211 applications totaling \$11.8 million for these grants.

“These grants are in high demand across the Commonwealth,” Kiser said. “The approved grants will be beneficial in helping first responders tackle their important jobs.”

Of the grants:

- Forty-nine percent, or \$1.4 million, was approved for communications equipment such as alert systems, 911 projects, infrastructure, mobile data computers and radios.
- Twenty-five percent, or \$701,200, was approved for equipment used in bomb detection, as well as medical, protective, and search-and-rescue items.

- Four percent, or \$108,000, was approved for first-responder training. Two percent, or \$39,350, was approved for physical security equipment and generators.
- Twenty percent, or \$555,200, was approved to KOHS for planning, administering the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center, citizen preparedness and awareness, management and administration.

The approved grants can be viewed at [www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/gp](http://www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/gp).

Kiser said KOHS seeks to find more innovative and creative ways to reduce threats and dangers, enhance security analyses, continue cutting-edge training, protect critical infrastructure, and acquire communications and other vital equipment for first responders.

The state’s homeland security programs, administration and staffing are financed almost entirely through federal dollars.



**Pat Gill**, standing, addresses the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Working Group about the Law Enforcement Protection Program in September. KOHS division heads briefed the attendees about their programs. The Working Group consists of executive-level staff members from state government as well as representatives from the state legislature and private sector.

Michael Embry/KOHS

# Bryant Stiles Remembered as Leader in Fire Rescue Training

**Bryant Stiles**, who served as director of State Fire Rescue Training and Homeland Security Exercise Program, passed away Sept. 19 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was 55.

"Bryant was an important member of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security team," said

KOHS Executive Director **Gene Kiser**. "He will certainly be missed by firefighters and other first responders for his commitment to training and exercise programs. He was admired for his dedication to the fire service."

Mr. Stiles, a recent inductee in the Kentucky Firefighters Hall of Fame, was a member of the Kentucky Firefighters Association, National Vol-



**Bryant Stiles**

unteer Fire Council, and North America Fire Training Directors Association, and served on committees with the National Fire Protection Association.

He joined the McLean County Central Fire District in 1974. He served as the fire chief and was currently serving as assistant fire chief.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, **Cherie**; two daughters, **Christin Brown** and husband **Thomas** of Livermore, and **Hannah Stiles** of Calhoun; grandson **Clay Thomas Brown**; parents **Bobby and Edwina Stiles** of Calhoun; and a brother, **Michael**, and his wife, **Kim**, of Rumsey.



A wreath was placed in Stiles' memory at the Kentucky Fallen Firefighters service in Frankfort on Oct. 3.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the McLean County Central District Fire Department, P.O. Box 421, Calhoun 42372.



## Contributing Agencies:

- Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Kentucky State Police Intelligence
- FBI Louisville Division
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- U.S. Secret Service
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
- Lexington Division of Police
- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Army National Guard
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Kentucky Fire Commission



**Jim Creighton/PADD**

Deputy Executive Director **Aaron Horner** spoke to the Pennyriple Citizen Corps Council in October about emergency preparedness for natural and man-made disasters. Horner oversees external affairs in the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.



# Grayson Dive Team Benefits from KOHS Grant

Rescue-and-recovery divers often have to perform their duties in murky and muddy waters. After receiving a State Homeland Security



Grant from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security this past spring, the Grayson Dive Team benefitted with a JW Fishers side-scan sonar.

Giving optimal combination of range and resolution, this tool produces detailed images of the underwater environment regardless of the water's visibility. Use of the side scan has reduced the time divers have spent in the water, which has been extremely important in difficult and dangerous situations.

In May, three members of the team traveled to Massachusetts to train with the JW Fishers factory team. Completing a one-day training session, they returned home where they were back on the lake two days later teaching other members how to use



Travis McHenry, Chief Greg Felty, and Kyle Morgan of the Grayson Fire Department and Dive Team in Taunton, Mass., for training with the side scan sonar at the JW Fisher's manufacturing and training facility.

this unique piece of equipment.

Since receiving the side scan, the dive team has been called to respond to three drownings and one sus-

pected drowning in different parts of northeastern Kentucky.

The team continues to train with the side scan, knowing that this is a necessary piece of equipment to successfully fill a gap for water-related emergencies. The side scan enhances the team's ability to serve those in need and to better fulfill their water-incident missions.

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## Conferences, Training, Etc.

Nov. 5-7 — Kentucky Narcotics Officers' Conference, Louisville

Nov. 7-9 — Kentucky Women's Law Enforcement Network Annual Conference, Frankfort

Nov. 13-15 — Police Response to Active Shooter Instructor Course, Evansville, Ind.

Nov. 15 — Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs in Kentucky, Shepherdsville

Nov. 15 — U.S. 23 Information Sharing Meeting, Prestonsburg

Nov. 26-30 — Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Symposium, Barren River Lake State Park

Dec. 11 — Violent Encounters and Assaults on Police Officers, Louisville

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Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit [www.dhs.gov/HSIN](http://www.dhs.gov/HSIN) or contact Lindsey Hix, KOHS Intelligence Analyst/HSIN Administrator, at [Lindsey.Hix@ky.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Hix@ky.gov).







Jody Duncan\EMA\MetroSafe

The Louisville Metro EMS medical response bus was at the scene following an accident involving a Jefferson County school bus and a car in September. There were 48 middle-school students on the bus and they were treated for minor injuries as well as the three occupants of the car. Lt. Col. Lee Dennison, with Louisville Metro EMS, said it was the first use of the bus, which is designed to be used as a treatment center during a mass casualty event. The bus was purchased with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Metropolitan Medical Response System funds.

## Functional Exercise at Owensboro Daviess County Regional Airport

A functional exercise conducted at the Owensboro Daviess County Regional Airport in October examined the strengths and weaknesses of the facility's emergency response to an off-site airline incident.

KOHS Exercise and Evaluation Program Interim Director **Sabine Gumm**, assisted by Exercise Program Coordinators **Butch McKinney** and **Lisa Mills**, examined the roles and responsibilities of the leadership and the ability to effectively communicate with first responders and the public.

The emergency-response planning is geared toward the airport and its close response partners within the immediate area.



Amy DeGarmo/KOHS

Sam Cox, an instructor with TEEX, speaks at a Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Awareness course in Frankfort on Oct. 12. The course provides public and private sector partners with essential knowledge and awareness to understand and follow the guiding principles, roles and responsibilities that underlie the nation's collaborative strategy for CIKR protection. The goal of the course is to inform, enable and encourage state, local, and private CIRK partners to leverage the resources that enhance protection efforts. The DHS/FEMA certified course was sponsored by the InfraGard—Kentucky Chapter, the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center, and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.